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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning a petition (docket number 98P-0151/CP1) filed by Farm Sanctuary that would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

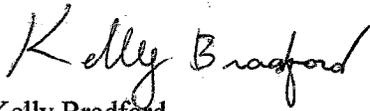
Due to the horrendous conditions on factory farms, many animals become to sick and weak to move or stand up under their own strength. These "downed" animals are pushed by tractors and forklifts or shackled, hoisted, and dragged by the neck or leg to the slaughterhouse. The helpless animals suffer broken bones, lacerations, and torn tendons from this inhumane handling. Studies have revealed that the majority of downed animals are fully conscious and suffer intensely during the process. All of this, so that the companies can make a few extra dollars.

There is also an increased risk of bacterial contamination, and, in addition to this, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy a.k.a. "mad-cow" disease), a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or CJD).

For these reasons, and more, I am in support of petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you for you time.

Respectfully,


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